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Therese Caouette to speak at Seattle Human Rights Day on December 10

Therese Caouette will speak at an evening event to celebrate the 14th annual Seattle Human Rights Day, which also honors the Seattle Human Rights Commission's 50th Anniversary on **Tuesday, December 10, 7:30-8:40 pm** at **Town Hall Seattle** on 8th Avenue and Seneca.

Therese Caouette has worked with refugees, migrants and displaced persons in Southeast Asia for more than 30 years. Her work focuses on enhancing leadership and skills in local communities and supporting structural change. She has worked with some of the most isolated and marginalized populations in the Mekong Region of Southeast Asia. Therese has a Master's degree in Public Health from Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and is currently on faculty with the University of Washington, Seattle University and Thammasat University in Thailand. She is the Executive Director of Partners Asia, which provides small community grants to marginalized communities in Myanmar and neighboring countries.

The evening will include presentation of the 2013 Human Rights Awards, which recognize a Seattle area individual, organization, youth and business who have advanced human rights. The event also will feature recognition of the City of Seattle Human Rights Commission, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The annual Seattle Human Rights Day event commemorates the sixty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted December 10, 1948.

For more information or to request an accommodation for a disability call the Seattle Office for Civil Rights at (206) 684-4500 or check the web at www.seattle.gov/civilrights/events.htm. ASL will be provided; this event is accessible and open to the public. A donation of \$5 will be requested. Human Rights Day 2013 is produced by the Seattle Office for Civil Rights, Seattle Human Rights Commission, World Affairs Council, United Nations Association–Seattle and University of Washington Center for Human Rights, with support from the Seattle Women's Commission, Seattle LGBT Commission, Seattle Commission for People with disabilities, and the Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission.

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